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PREFACE

With the publication of Volume 36 of the Annual Review of Microbiology an era comes to an end, and we extend our deep thanks to Dr. Mortimer P. Starr, who is retiring as Editor. Dr. Starr has given 24 years of unstinting and enthusiastic service to the Annual Review of Microbiology, as an Associate Editor starting with Volume 12 and as Editor since Volume 27. His editorial expertise and exacting academic standards have helped place the Annual Review of Microbiology at the forefront of scholarly publications in the field. He will be greatly missed, and we wish him equal success with whatever publications may next benefit from his keen editorial attention. We also thank Dr. Jean M. Schmidt, who took over as an Associate Editor in 1981 on the departure of Dr. John L. Ingraham and most ably completed his term in that position. Dr. Ingraham, who became an Associate Editor with Volume 27, served the Annual Review of Microbiology with great dedication and patience, and we thank him warmly (if belatedly) for his rich contribution to the high repute of the series.

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